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1. THE UNM CANCER Research & Treatment Center (CRTC) has been named a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer research and treatment center joining the ranks of 40 pre-eminent cancer research and treatment centers in the United States. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=4296>
2. UNM IS ONE OF FOUR national universities chosen to share \$12.8 million in grants to establish integrative training environments for doctoral students to study nanoscience and technology with applications for cancer research. The National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, and the National Science Foundation, announced the awards recently. <http://www.unm.edu/%7Emarket/cgi-bin/archives/000826.html#more>
3. THE OFFICE FOR ADMISSIONS has announced that 53 college students displaced by Hurricane Katrina are now registered and taking classes at UNM. In addition to providing tuition, book and temporary housing assistance early on, UNM has stepped up to help these students rebuild normal lives. The UNM Foundation has established a new Hurricane Student Assistance Fund. <http://www.unm.edu/%7Emarket/cgi-bin/archives/000819.html#more>
4. THE UNIVERSITY community has opened its hearts and extended a generous helping hand to our friends and neighbors in need. That need continues. We ask you to continue relief efforts on a long-term basis through UNM's annual United Way Campaign. When you receive your pledge form, you may contribute to any not-for-profit group in the world, and may do so with the full assurance that 100 percent of your contribution is directed to that group. For more information contact Patrick Vigil at 277-1593. <http://unitedway.unm.edu>
5. THE NEW MEXICO Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT), a 35-person team sponsored by the UNM Department of Emergency Medicine, is currently in Woodville, Texas, providing medical care for people in that hurricane-damaged area. DMAT arrived in Woodville Sunday evening and set up its equipment and supplies at Tyler County Hospital, which was evacuated prior to the arrival of Hurricane Rita. After reopening the hospital, team members immediately started seeing patients Sunday night.
6. POLITICAL SCIENCE Associate Professor Lonna Atkeson is the recipient of a National Science Foundation grant to study public perception of the government's handling of Hurricane Katrina. Atkeson, and Cherie Maestas, a Florida State University colleague, will assess public opinion data gathered during a national telephone survey of 1,000 individuals. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000816.html#more>
7. PRESIDENT LOUIS CALDERA and Anderson Schools of Management Dean Chuck Crespy recently announced a University-wide technology business plan competition, with a top prize of \$25,000. Student teams from across the campus will compete in a business

plan contest that ends with high-stakes presentations in front of real venture capital pros.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000832.html#more>

8. UNM IS SET TO celebrate its 80th annual homecoming Oct. 3-8. Homecoming week will feature more than 50 separate events all leading up to the football game Saturday, Oct. 8, at University Stadium when UNM takes on Brigham Young University. Game time is set for 6 p.m. The festivities get underway Monday, Oct. 3 with a variety of activities on tap. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000824.html#more>

9. THE BOARD OF REGENTS approved a complex land swap and development agreement involving the Mesa del Sol property in southeast Albuquerque recently. One element of the deal allows a land swap between the State Land Office and UNM. The State Land Office will receive land the university owns near Cochiti Pueblo and other areas in return for land the state owns in the Mesa del Sol development.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000821.html#more>

10. FOR THE 10th consecutive year, UNM has been named in the annual report on America's 100 Best College Buys® designating the institution as one of America's best college educations for the cost. More than 1,000 surveyed institutions responded.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000835.html#more>

11. HERBERT TANNER, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, was awarded a five-year, \$400,000 National Science Foundation Early Career Development (CAREER) award in the field of robotics, one of three awards given in the field in fiscal 2005. CAREER is NSF's most prestigious awards program for junior faculty members. Tanner's proposed research aims at developing swarms of heterogeneous robots that could automatically plan their cooperative actions towards a common objective.
<http://www.unm.edu/~tanner/>

12. LOCAL ARCHITECT VAN GILBERT will be honored by the UNM School of Architecture and Planning with the school's Distinguished Alumni Award, on Friday, Sept. 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the UNM Student Union Ballroom C. Gilbert will be honored for his work as chair of the capital campaign cabinet and for his work as president of the school's Dean's Council, a position he held this past year.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000834.html#more>

13. THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, assisted by the Student Affairs Office of Accessibility Services and the Center for Development and Disability in the Health Science Center will sponsor three events in conjunction with National Disability Month in October. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000830.html#more>

14. THE AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT has unveiled a new service learning program with the New Mexico Office of the State Historian. The department received a grant from the national American Studies Association and the UNM College of Arts and Sciences to fund two paid interns to work in the Office of the State Historian.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000833.html#more>